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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1951.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th September, 1950, was estimated to be 565,518, comprising 290,514 Males and 275,004 Females.

On the 30th September, 1950, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 304,000.

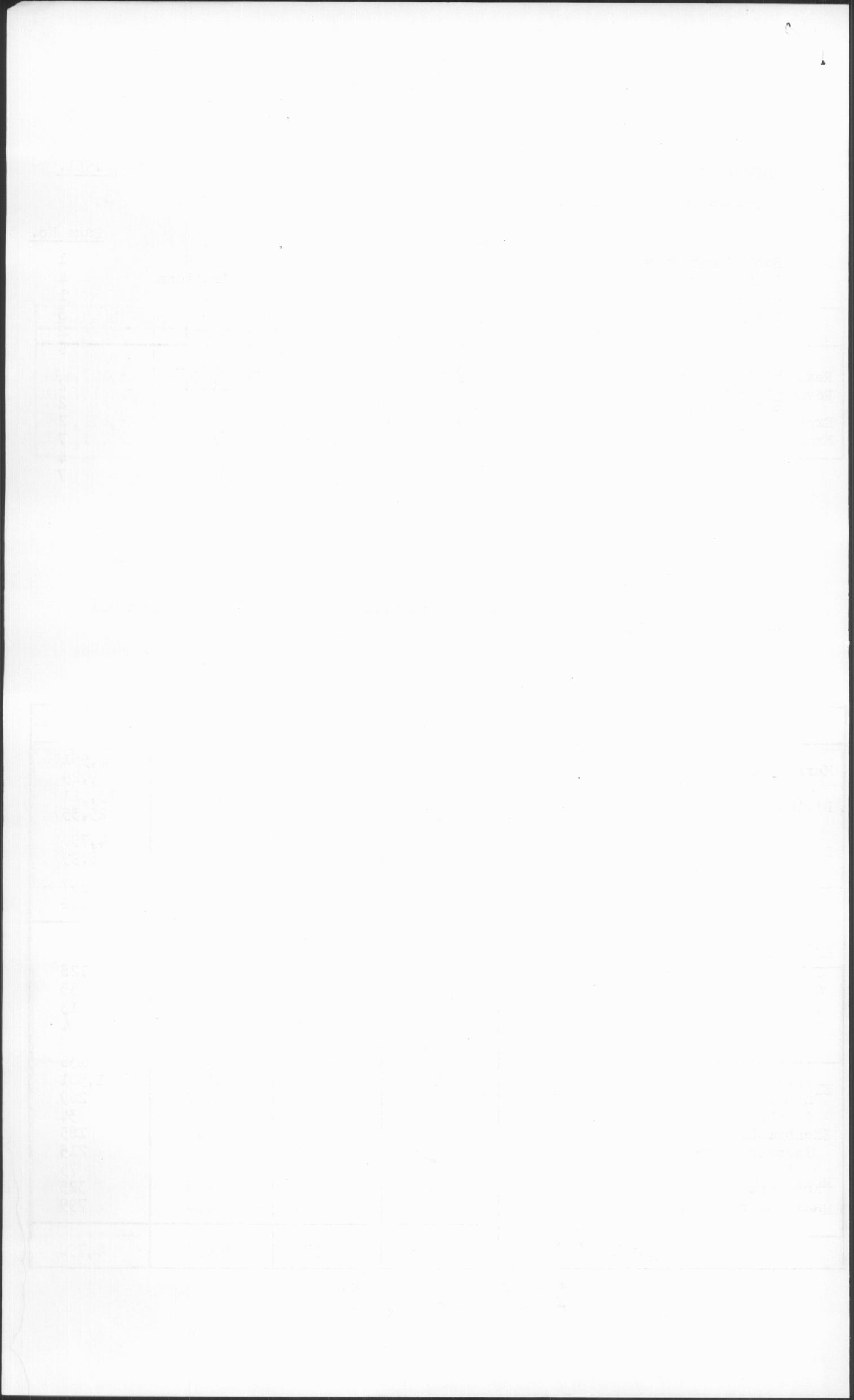
MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	JANUARY		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1951	1950	1950	1949
Marriages Number	526	451	5,435	4,951
* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	10.80	9.73	9.73	9.29
Births Number	1,260	1,172	14,231	13,511
* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	25.87	25.27	25.47	25.55
Deaths Number	419	378	5,058	4,790
* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	8.60	8.15	9.05	8.99
Infant Mortality Number	60	43	386	357
Mortality/ Rate per 1000 Live Births	47.62	36.69	27.12	26.42
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	4	8	129	128
Cancer	53	52	670	658
Influenza	-	1	32	13
Diphtheria	1	1	7	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	43	36	531	448
Arteriosclerosis	12	8	143	136
Diseases of the Heart	109	94	1,526	1,501
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	18	13	187	269
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	9	11	50	34
Nephritis	7	6	110	185
Diseases of Early Infancy	33	24	228	215
Senility	4	6	41	75
Accidents	44	42	408	325
All Other Causes	82	76	996	799
Total	419	378	5,058	4,790

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

/ Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February totalled 205,038 acres, an increase of 115,292 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 495,349 acres, an increase of 471,017 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Revenue	£	£	£	£
Revenue per Head of Popln.	2,013,268 £3. 10. 2d.	1,937,188 £3.10. 8d.	16,803,500 £29.13. 9d.	15,107,498 £27.18. 4d.
Expenditure	2,233,260 £3. 17. 11d.	1,953,752 £3.11. 3d.	17,439,916 £30.16. 3d.	15,471,789 £28.11.10d.
Expenditure per Head of Popln.				

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 28th February amounted to £40,464,488 or £70.9.11d. per head of population as against £38,493,431 or £70.0.9d. per head as at the 28th February last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 28th February 1951, amounted to £13,917,442 compared with £8,870,422 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Transfers	No. 2,136 £ 2,796,564	1,759 1,929,362	16,245 18,056,266	13,688 11,360,727
Mortgages	No. 1,270 £ 1,532,118	1,167 1,296,168	11,377 14,281,415	8,430 9,415,342
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 1,018	942	7,685	6,796

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
Eight Months ended February, 1950	£ 14,724,243	9,243,126	£ 31,772,135	£ 1,583,300
Eight Months ended February, 1951	19,182,635	13,580,639	37,344,913	1,927,815
Month of February, 1950	2,012,335	1,551,048	3,356,835	197,441
Month of February, 1951	2,031,896	1,810,994	5,282,051	227,940

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

81 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,324,000 and 31 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended February, 1951. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 70 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,904,000 and 46 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Eight Months ended FEBRUARY					
	1951			1950		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	20	£ 64,665	£ 34,954	18	£ 28,506	£ 45,923
Deeds of Assignment(a)	11	27,274	28,892	13	39,390	18,517
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£ 599,200	£ 572,800	£ 3,439,200	£ 3,044,100
Working Expenses (a)	£ 728,506	£ 619,288	£ 4,016,354	£ 3,516,558
Train Miles Run	No. 614,000	585,908	3,640,155	3,228,283
Motor Bus Miles Run	No. (b) 133,875	93,869	(c) 781,727	530,075
Passenger Journeys -				
Train	No. 900,455	919,499	5,453,964	5,523,052
Motor Bus	No. 49,487	45,808	258,920	228,584
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	213,403	226,005	1,406,465	1,300,714
Livestock	12,263	12,980	84,234	84,514
Departmental (Free Freight)	79,149	41,469	411,813	267,205
Total	304,815	280,454	1,902,512	1,652,433
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	31,862,697	33,358,712	217,686,986	197,290,391
Livestock	1,487,130	1,425,425	10,898,031	11,162,929
Departmental (Free Freight)	9,073,252	7,077,977	50,804,630	41,650,330
Total	42,423,079	41,862,114	279,389,647	250,103,650

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 10th December.

(c) Period covered - 2nd July to 10th December.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
<u>1951</u> - January	264	137	3	123	507	458	5	208

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948</u> - June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949</u> - June	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
<u>1950</u> - June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
December	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030
<u>1951</u> - January	31,463	13,645	497	8,341	51,830	41,257	898	12,853

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for January, 1951, 140 Cars; 739 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, January, 1951 and 1950 and 7 months ended January, 1951 and 1950, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY		JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	4,399	3,089	23,215	17,791	10,457	5,231	51,947	30,507
Interstate	3,159	2,354	26,383	20,370	748	325	4,630	3,480
<u>TOTAL</u>	7,558	5,443	49,598	38,161	11,205	5,556	56,577	33,987

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS CONFIRMED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1313	1365	(b) 3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
<u>1950 -</u>										
Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125
June Qr.	281	267	787	1,088	8	46	92	106	1,168	1,507
Sep. Qr.	317	342	924	1,301	9	61	122	187	1,372	1,891
Dec. Qr.	515	577	1,063	1,574	14	98	148	234	1,740	2,483

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.
(b) Includes 280 individual Flat units, and 1 Shop and dwelling combined for a total value of £279,000.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
<u>1950 -</u>										
Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916
June Qr.	408	659	86	76	499	547	13	12	1,006	1,294
Sept. Qr.	431	745	84	77	623	721	11	10	1,149	1,553
Dec. Qr.	576	1,013	116	115	765	902	24	20	1,481	2,050

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,082,268 lbs. were produced during January, 1951 and 12,645,659 lbs. for the seven months ended January, 1951, as against 943,551 and 12,831,464 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1950.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	FEBRUARY		2 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	51,149	45,716	102,336	97,485
Value (Aust. Currency) £	792,390	708,494	1,585,349	1,510,479

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the two months ended February, 1951, amounted to £14,051. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £218,728.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	DECEMBER		12 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1699	1496	1597	1436	1607	1459	1538	1410
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1841	1624	1716	1572	1706	1544	1636	1502
Northam	1729	1507	1613	1455	1614	1467	1550	1420
Bunbury	1718	1497	1610	1443	1633	1472	1559	1424
Geraldton	1756	1535	1636	1571	1686	1521	1611	1475
Collie	1727	1506	1611	1455	1548	1395	1477	1353

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1950			1951		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	117,756	38,819	156,575	123,741	40,324	164,065
February	118,064	39,050	157,114			
March	119,009	39,708	158,717			
April	119,440	39,726	159,166			
May	120,616	39,755	160,371			
June	120,479	39,952	160,431			
July	120,412	39,753	160,165			
August	121,263	40,015	161,278			
September	121,691	40,367	162,058			
October	121,871	40,343	162,214			
November	122,889	40,583	163,472			
December	123,146	41,199	164,345			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1951(a)	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January	162	171	179	199	204	1134	1233	1354	1410	1490
February	164	172	182	196		1138	1249	1358	1387	
March	166	176	186	198		1145	1264	1371	1415	
April	167	176	187	199		1144	1264	1377	1415	
May	168	177	187	201		1151	1277	1354	1418	
June	167	177	187	201		1153	1277	1362	1429	
July	167	177	182	200		1168	1301	1381	1423	
August	167	179	187	201		1181	1294	1377	1419	
September	168	180	191	202		1172	1302	1365	1428	
October	168	180	191	203		1184	1318	1375	1431	
November	169	182	192	203		1215	1349	1402	1450	
December	170	182	193	203		1267	1385	1470	1531	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1949 -</u>									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
<u>1950 -</u>									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157
April	45	10	55	86	10	96	96	20	116
May	52	10	62	53	8	61	95	22	117
June	105	19	124	114	19	133	86	22	108
July	93	22	115	77	15	92	102	29	131
August	72	10	82	65	17	82	109	22	131
September	39	12	41	39	8	47	109	26	135

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
29th January, 1951	£ s. d. 8. 12. 11.	£ s. d. 4. 17. 9.	£ s. d. 8. 12. 11.	£ s. d. 4. 17. 9.	£ s. d. 9. 0. 5.	£ s. d. 5. 1. 9.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	22,863	19,884	177,657	148,897
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	20,999	18,191	162,845	136,066

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
February, 1951	6,158	324	61,169	8,335
February, 1950	5,787	318	61,170	8,551
2 Months ended February, 1951	12,034	824	135,262	18,411
2 Months ended February, 1950	11,307	743	128,910	18,514

